GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:276
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2016
Census of Aboriginal Tribes
Sanjar Shri Alok

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a census of aboriginal tribes particularly notified, semi-notified and nomadic tribes has been carried out at the national level;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) whether the notified, semi-notified and nomadic tribes are on the verge of extinction;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide housing, education, employment etc. to the said tribes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)
(a): No nationwide survey/census has been conducted so far in respect of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes.
(b): Does not arise.
(c) & (d): No such authentic data is available. However, as identified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the population of 75 Vulnerable Tribal Groups (VTG) amongst the Scheduled Tribes is declining or showing stagnant population. The details of 75 primitive tribal groups (PTGs), now called as Vulnerable Tribal Groups (VTGs), as identified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is given at Annexure-I.
(e) National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) has been constituted which is in the process of collecting information/data about De-notified Tribes from various sources viz State/UT Governments, Registrar General of India, Community leaders etc. After scrutinize, examine and compilation of all the information/data/figures and other available details, the Commission will give its' recommendations for the benefits to the marginalised DNT Communities in due course of time. For the educational empowerment of DNTs, the Government has launched two schemes:-
(i) Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship for DNTs,
(ii) Nanaji Desjhmukh scheme for construction of hostels for DNT Boys & Girls.